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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF RECENT AIRCRAFT SALE TO GREECE

REF: A. STATE 138554

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1. GOG HAS NOT REPEAT NOT MADE ANY OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING RECENT SALE OF A-7 AND T-2 AIRCRAFT. AS NOTED PARA 5, REF B, GOG REPORTEDLY HAD DECIDED AGAINST MAKING ANY STATEMENT.

2. ON JUNE 17 ESTIA CARRIED REPORT, WHICH ALSO CARRIED JUNE 18 IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ATHENS POST, BASED ON REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON (WE UNDERSTAND REUTERS REPORT ALLEGEDLY FROM PENTAGON SOURCE) AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ACCORDING TO REPORTS OF FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES FROM WASHINGTON, AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR FINANCING THE PURCHASE BY GREECE OF AIRCRAFT VALUED AT \$400 MILLION. SPECIFICALLY, GREECE WILL PURCHASE FIGHTER JETS A-7D TYPE AND TRANSPORT PLANES C-130. TO THIS END A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CAME TO ATHENS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF CREDITS. FURTHER, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES, TALKS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE WAR SHIPS AT THE COST OF MORE THAN \$250 MILLION BUT SO FAR THE PERTINENT AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN SIGNED. END QUOTE

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3. LACK OF ANY ADDITIONAL STORIES SUGGESTS THAT GOG HAS IMPARTED
TO THE GREEK PRESS ITS RELUCTANCE TO SEE ANY ADDITIONAL
PUBLICITY REGARDING THESE SIGNIFICANT AIRCRAFT SALES.

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